

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

KBVE Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

In Person: State Capitol-Classroom (3N), Topeka, KS

Microsoft Teams: By Invitation

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Board President, Dr. Sheila Dodson. The meeting was held in person and by Microsoft Teams. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Dodson were Mr. Joe Allen, Drs. Ekerberg, Flowers, Ritter, and Snyder. Also present were Randy Forbes, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, Dr. Mark Olson, and Eileen Minnix (public member). Attending by Microsoft Teams were Megan Kilgore from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) and Mary Berg from the Kansas Veterinary Technicians association (KVTA). Dr. Beth Covington, board member, was absent from the meeting.

Dr. Snyder made a motion to adopt the agenda, and Joe Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Dodson welcomed those in attendance and offered public members a chance to speak.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the board minutes as written from the September 1, 2021 meeting. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ritter made a motion to approve the board minutes as written from the September 28, 2021 board meeting. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ritter made a motion to approve the board minutes as written from the November 10, 2021 meeting. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the board minutes as written from the December 16, 2021 meeting. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Olson offered to do a new board member training through Microsoft Teams during the month of March starting with the newest board members. This will include how the board office works and what is expected from the board members. Dr. Ekerberg has signed up for Board Basics and Beyond with the AAVSB. If there are more openings, Dr. Covington has showed interest in attending.

Dr. Olson reported that the KBVE website hasn't had a lot of work done over the last couple of years. Website training was provided to staff and most of the website is now current and cleaned up. He recommended that the Board discuss at the April 2022 board meeting the topic about sanctions that are posted on the website. The list is not inclusive and is located in a special place that is very much highlighted. Dr. Olson will check with the AAVSB to see what other state boards are doing as far as how their handling length of time or severity of the sanctions listed on websites.

Cheryl Mermis, past KBVE Administrative Officer, has agreed to provide training to Jessica Wrosch, Administrative Specialist, on the renewal process and software used, since this will be Jessica's first year going through the renewal season.

Dr. Olson provided the Practice Act update on Statute HB 2532 and explained it was introduced on Monday, January 24th. Information was provided to the Board on how a bill works. On January 26th and 27th, the board members are meeting with their legislators to educate and answer any questions they have in regards to HB 2532.

There were no recommended changes on the rules and regulations. Once statutory changes occur, they will be discussed more.

Dr. Olson and Jessica Wrosch presented on the revised application and renewal forms by explaining the forms were cleaned up and made consistent. The board members had the opportunity to review the application and renewal forms and make comments. Dr. Ekerberg made a motion to accept the newly revised application and renewal forms with a minor adjustment to the notary by making it bold instead of red. The motion was seconded by Dr. Snyder. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Dodson and Dr. Olson plan to meet with the KSU Junior Vet Students on March 4, 2022 to educate them about the KBVE, NAVLE, AAVSB, and Jurisprudence Exam.

Dr. Olson and Jessica Wrosch plan to proctor the Jurisprudence Exam on March 5, 2022 for the KSU Senior Vet Students who have signed up to take the NAVLE and want to be licensed in Kansas.

Dr. Olson discussed that the review of the KBVE policies is in the early stages. They were put together by prior boards. One policy he mentioned was in regard to the attendance at board meetings and how important it was to attend. As a government appointee, the policy of the board is if you miss more than one meeting a year, the board member is asked to step down.

Randy Forbes gave a brief report on redactions and disciplinary actions.

Jessica Wrosch gave a broad overview of her job duties and presented the licensed veterinarian and registered technician report.

Konrad Coe presented his inspection report.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigation report.

Dr. Olson gave his Executive Director report on budget, staff reviews, statutes, regulations, and policies.

Joe Allen made the following motion: Madam President, in order to protect the privacy of the non-elected personnel involved, I move that the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and data related financial affairs of individual proprietorships. We require our attorney, Randy Forbes, to be admitted to the executive session, when requested, to aid the Board in their discussions. The Board will reconvene the open meeting in the same location in 20 minutes. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The Board returned to open session at 12:10pm.

Dr. Olson recommended to the Board that the KBVE office be moved from 503 Lincoln to 1003 Lincoln in Wamego for security, safety, and better working environment for staff. Dr. Ritter made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to pursue a better location for staff. Motion seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

After a brief discussion, the following board meetings were scheduled: April 6, 2022 in Wamego, June 5, 2022 in Manhattan, and August 3, 2022 in Wamego.

Dr. Flowers moved the meeting be adjourned and Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Signed: Sheila M. Dodson Date: 4/6/22